

Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH  
Testimony Against Raised H.B. No. 6949 AN ACT CONCERNING  
CHILDHOOD VACCINATIONS  
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Senator Terry Gerratana, Representative Matt Ritter and members of Public Health  
Committee. My name is Lisa Rothstein, I am a concerned parent and a connecticut resident for 46 years.  
I am writing to urge you to NOT SUPPORT HB 6949. This bill will require parents or guardians who, due  
to religious beliefs, object to vaccination and therefore must submit a notarized statement saying they  
"Have reviewed and understand information regarding risks of both immunization and failure to  
immunize". To be clear Connecticut allows for religious exemption. Connecticut should not create  
substantive requirements for a parent/guardian to exercise their religious beliefs when taking  
exemption to vaccination. This goes against our first amendment right to freedom of  
religion.  
Even with the allowance of a religious exemption in the state of connecticut, right now,  
according to Rep. Matthew Ritter (on his website), the current vaccination rate in CT is  
98.5%.  
Connecticut religious exemption laws aren't broken, please protect our First  
Amendment right of freedom to religion and do not support HB  
6949.

Sincerely,  
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